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WHEREAS the Joint Petition of BHUGWANDAS PRABHASAHAM, KHETSIDAS LACHMANARAYAN, GULABDAS MAGANLAL RAMNARAYAN GANGAPRASAD, KALURAM SHIVPRASAD, SHIVDAYAL RUDMAL, SURAJBHAN BOTHPRASAD, NARSINGDAS BADRIDAS and HANSDHAR DURGAPRASAD the Petitioning Creditors of the abovenamed Insolvent verified by the declaration of Manram Ganeshdas and others was filed in this Honourable Court on this day, and whereas the said DOSA GOPALJI has been this day duly adjudged to have committed an act of Insolvency under the Provisions of section 10ths of the Act Eleven and Twelve, Victoria, Chapter twenty-one. It is ordered that all the real and personal estate and effects of the said Insolvent be vested in the Official Assignee of this Honourable Court. And it is further ordered that the said Insolvent do within thirty days from the date hereof file a Schedule in this Honourable Court in the form in Schedule C. to the said Act annexed, containing the statement of his debts, estate and effects, dated this 17th day of January, One Thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-Eight.

C. W. L. JACKSON,
Clerk of the Court.

Court House, Clerk of the Court's Office, Fort, Bombay, this 21st day of January, 1898.

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NOTICE.

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4. A further deposit of 5 per cent. to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 21.

THE re-appearance, with the cold weather in this city, of the Bubonic Fever epidemic in a virulent form threatens to again interfere with trade to a great extent and to mar the brighter prospects induced by harvest expectations, and the abatement of the pestilence during the previous months. A moderate business in Cotton was reported in the earlier part of the week in both directions; but latterly the market for this staple has become dull, and Exporters and the Mills almost ceased their purchases. Wheat and Seeds are neglected. Exchange has been steady throughout the week at a slight advance on last Friday's closing quotations and rates left off this evening 1-32d. higher for Bank Paper, and 1-16d. for Credits thereon. Money has been in strong demand; but the market is rather less stringent than it has been. Government Paper has been weak and irregular; but 3 1-2 per cents show, upon the whole, an advance of 1-2 per cent. for the week. Tonnage for this month being in excess of requirements, the Freight market has collapsed for ready business, and rates have declined half-a-crown. For forward shipment there is no enquiry. A moderate business has been reported in Imports, at weakening rates, stocks being on the increase, and the demand from up-country slack.

MONEY.—The great stringency in the market which caused the Presidency Bank to further advance its rates by 2 per cent. in the earlier part of last week meantime continued; but owing to this check and the general dulness of trade, the Bank's weekly statement of Affairs issued on Monday showed an addition to the Cash Balance of some 27 3-4 lakhs, compared with a diminution of 174 lakhs as disclosed by the previous Return. During last week there was a considerable increase in Private Deposits, and a material decrease in Loans, while Bills Discounted also decreased to some extent, the total falling off in trade requirements being represented by some 51 lakhs, as against an increase to about the same extent in the week preceding. In Government Securities there was a material diminution at the Bank's head Office, but no movement to speak of at the branches, the aggregate decrease being some 16 3-4 lakhs.

Meantime, though there has been rather less stringency in the market, Money has remained in strong demand, and the rate of discount is still 12 per cent. both at the Bank of Bombay and in the open market.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last mail day, the market was steady at Is. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and Is. 3 7-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was upon a very small scale, and no transactions of importance transpired. On Monday the market continued steady in tone at Is. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and Is. 4 3-16. for three months' sight Credits. The latter were scarce, but Bank Wire Transfer was reported at Is. 4 1-32d. for cash. Quotations were given on Tuesday at Is. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and Is. 4 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits. There was only a small demand for Bank Paper, and Is. 4 1-32d. was procurable during the day, but later on the price dropped to Is. 4d. On Wednesday Is. 4d. was again quoted for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and Is. 4 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits. No transactions of importance were reported, the Banks having sold but a small amount of Wire Transfer at Is. 4 1-32d. Steady in tone yesterday, rates were given at Is. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and Is. 4 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits. There was no enquiry at first for ready remittance, but later in the day a fair amount was placed, a little ready Bank Paper having also changed hands. To-day the Market opened steady at Is. 4 1-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at Is. 4 7-32d. for three months' sight Credits. There was a small demand at Is. 4 1-32d. for Bank Paper, at which a little was done. Merchants' Bills have continued very scarce; and the market closed steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	Is. 4d. per rupee
" Telegraphic	Is. 4d. "
" 3 ms' sight	Is. 4 1-16d. "
Credits 4 do.	Is. 4 3-32d. "
Do. 6 do.	Is. 4 5-16d. "
Documents 3 do.	Is. 4 1-4d. "
Do. 6 do.	Is. 4 11-32d. "
Francs 3 do.	170 3-4 "
Do. 6 do.	171 3-4 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER was weak in tone last mail day with 3 1-2 per cents quoted at 95 for Cash, and 95 1-16 for the month's Settlement; 3 per cents nominal, was named for 3 per cents. The market lacked animation at opening on Monday, and no business of importance was passing for Money, while for Account the quotation was 95 1-2; Threes were nominal. Firm in tone the following day, rates advanced to 95 1-2 for Cash for 2 1-2 per cents, and 96 for next month's Settlement; for Threes 87 1-2, nominal, was quoted. There was a steady feeling in the market on Wednesday with rates for 3 1-2 per cents at 96 1-4 for next month's Account; but for Cash no business was reported. Yesterday the market was weak in tone, and quotations for 3½ per cents were lower at 95½ for Cash and 96 for the Settlement; 90, nominal, was named for Threes. To-day, the market has been very quiet, and our closing quotations this evening are 95 3-8 for 3 1-2 per cents for Cash, and 95 7-8 for the February account; 87, nominal, being quoted for Threes.

Five per cent. Municipal Loan is unchanged at Rs. 116. Port Trust Bonds are two per cent. higher, at Rs. 104.

SHARES.—The small movement there has been in this market during the week has been more in favour of buyers than sellers. Compared with last mail day, quotations this evening's show a decline of Rs. 50, in Currimbhoy; of Rs. 25, in Central India; of Rs. 20, in City of Bombay; of Rs. 10, in Swadeshi; of Rs. 5 each, in Leopold, and New Great Eastern; and an advance of Rs. 50, in Maneckjee Petit; of Rs. 25, in Premchand; of Rs. 20, in Tarkeshwar; and of Rs. 10, in Bombay. In Miscellaneous Shares, Bombay-Burmah have declined Rs. 100 in the first issue, and Rs. 10 in the second. In Banks, Bank of Bombay shares are Rs. 20 lower.

IMPORTS.

PIECE GOODS.—Dealers in staple "Grey Goods" are generally willing sellers in view of the decline in Cotton prices; while the indifference to purchase shown by the up-country buyers tends to weaken the hands of holders. Stocks are rather heavy for the time of year. Rates generally are in buyers' favour. In "Bleached Goods," "Turkey Red," and "Printed Goods" we have no change to report. "Locally-made" Goods are generally steady, and in good enquiry. The Clearances from the Bazaar during the week are estimated at about 3,000 packages of "Imported" Goods; and 1,500 local.

YARNS.—We have no change to report in the positions or prices of "Imported Twist." The China Market shows no sign of improvement for "Bombay Spinnings," of which stocks are heavy, and rates weak. The market here closed quiet, at the following official quotations:—

Twist	No. 6	Mule, As.	3 5-4	to	4 3-2 per lb.
"	No.	"	3 7-8	"	4 1-2 "
"	10s	"	4	"	4 5-4 "
"	12s	"	4 1-4	"	5 "
"	16s	"	4 13-16	"	5 1-2 "
"	20s	"	5 1-8	"	5 3-4 "
"	24s	"	5 3-4	"	6 3-4 "
"	30s	"	6 1-2	"	7 "
"	40s	"	7 1-4	"	8 "

METALS have been very quiet with but little movement in prices. "Braziers' Copper," and "Yellow Metal" are still quoted at Rs. 44 3-4 and Rs. 37 per cent, respectively. "Staffordshire Bar Iron" is rather lower at Rs. 32 to 32 1-2 per candy, "Swedish" Bars are also little cheaper, at Rs. 53 per candy.

COAL.—The sales reported consisted of "Powell's Duffryn" and "Wallace's Merthyr Cardiff," January-February, February-March, and March-April shipments, from Rs. 17 1-2 to Rs. 17 3-4 per ton, also of "Davison's W. Hartley," January-February and February-March shipments, from Rs. 15 3-4 to Rs. 16 per ton. In Bengal, "Seebpore" and "Jardine's," February-March delivery, has been done at Rs. 12 3-4 to Rs. 13; "Heilger's," for February, at Rs. 13; and "Nixon's Navigation," for March-April, at Rs. 12 3-4 per ton. The market is firm at closing this evening; we quote alongside:—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil	Nil
West "	Nil	Rs. 16 per ton.
Australian	Nil	Nil
Powell's	Rs. 19 1-2 per ton	to Rs. 18 "
Cardiff	" Nil	" 18 "
Japan	" Nil	" Nil "
Bengal	Rs. 13 1-2 per ton.	Rs. 13 "
Singareni	Nil	Nil "
Seebpore	" 13 1-2 "	" 13 "
Sanctoria	Nil	Nil "
Dashagur	" 14 "	" 13 1-4 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON has been a quiet market throughout the week and prices have receded to the extent of some Rs. 3 per candy. Exporters were in the market in the earlier part of the week, and made moderate purchases of the new Cotton coming forward; but yesterday they retired altogether, while local consumers became small buyers. The latter have taken 6,200 bales during the week, consisting of new Oomrawattee descriptions, and Bengal, with a few hundred bales of old stuff; the purchases for export having aggregated 3,450 bales—all new Cotton of the above-named growths. This evening the market closed quiet, with prices rather stiffer, only a small business having been done in both directions.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week have been 45,500 bales, compared with 43,300 bales arrived in the week preceding, and 45,500 bales to hand in the corresponding week last year; the falling off in receipts of new Cotton this season, compared with last, being now 110,500 bales.

No fresh news of importance was conveyed by the official telegrams to hand on Monday from the cotton districts, the weather continuing favourable for the harvesting and maturing respectively of the season growths, the only exception being at Bellary, where the plants were suffering from cold winds. Arrivals were still small at the marts in the Oomrawattee Circle. At Broach the plants were in a forward condition, showing bolls rapidly ripening; and picking should soon commence in that circle as also in the Dhow-nuggur and Wadhwan districts of the Dholleru circle.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs. 143-3	1-16d.
Do. Fully Good	" 137-2	19-32d.
Do. Good	" 125-2	23-32d.
Salem, Fine	" 146-3	1-8d.
Do. Fully Good	" 141-3	1-32d.
Tinnevelly, Fine, Good	" 138-3	1-32d.
Oomra, Fully Good	" 151-3	11-16d.
Dholleru, Fine	" Nil	
Do. do. April-May	" 161-3	1-32d.
Do. Fine	" Nil	
Do. do. April-May	" 156-3	3-32d.
Do. Good	" Nil	
Do. do. April-May	" 153-3	5-16d.
S G Dharwar, Good	" Nil	
Do. do. May	" 168-3	1-32d.
Westerns	" Nil	
Do. May	" 153-3	11-32d.
Broach, Fine	" Nil	
Do. do, March	" 172-3	19-32d.
Do. Good	" Nil	
Do. do., March	" 170-3	3-16d.

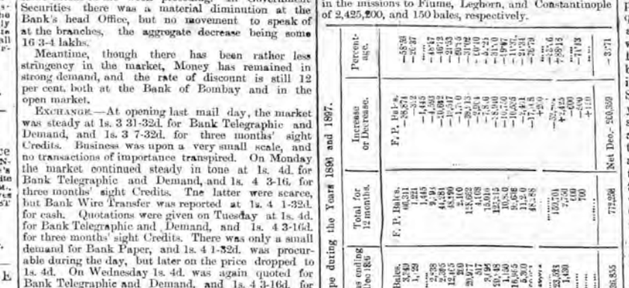
The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season, 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season, 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	52,500	125,500
Berar	70,000	109,000
Khandeish	88,000	93,500
Barsee and Nuzgeer	11,000	11,500
Hingunghat	3,000	3,000
Parsian and Sind	3,500	1,000
Broach	...	4,000
	237,000	347,500

The movements of Cotton to date show the followin comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1897-98. Bales.	1896-97. Bales.	1895-96. Bales.
For the week	43,321	46,376	62,216
From 1st to 20th Jan.	121,618	1,1,220	171,155
For the week	4,631	4,023	1,960
From 1st to 20th Jan.	16,934	16,853	55,211
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	6,733	17,026	730
From 1st to 20th Jan.	11,,80	30,746	7,942

We give below our usual statement of the shipments of Cotton westward during last year, which shows that there was a decrease in the shipments to Trieste of 52,804 bales, or 33'06 per cent.; to Antwerp, of 39,913 bales, or 31'92 per cent.; to Hamburg, of 38,940 bales, or 31'69 per cent; to Liverpool, 38,874 bales, or 58'50 per cent.; and to Havre, 20,692 bales, or 46'72 per cent. While on the other hand, there was an increase in the missions to Fiume, Leghorn, and Constantinople of 2,425,200, and 150 bales, respectively.



WHEAT AND SEEDS remain very quiet markets, with but little business reported in either for shippers' account; but prices, when not nominal are generally on the previous level. We quote for ready:—

Gingelly, White	Rs.	7 8	per cwt.
Do. Mixed	"	5 13	"
Linseed (bold)	"	5 3	"
Rapeseed, Yellow (Gujerat)	"	4 13	"
Do. Yellow (Cawnpore)	"	4 7	"

Ready quotations for "Wheat" are nominal in the absence of supplies.

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	42,833	3,128	68,172
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	92,905	14,383	193,930
Linseed for the week	22,552	2,405	11,993
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	51,015	11,082	33,437
Rapeseed for the week	4,353	300	2,339
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	10,973	1,838	8,736
Gingellyseed for the week	49,301	13,023	47,193
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	132,277	19,759	130,141

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	...	...	11,553
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	...	...	35,993
Linseed for the week	134,135	6,000	8,038
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	240,074	22,030	31,641
Rapeseed for the week	61,463	...	...
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	92,784	26,075	111,394
Gingellyseed for the week	88,472	...	23,057
Do. from 1st January to 20th Jan.	145,186	21,525	128,726

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 1st January, 1897, on 461 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated).	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	26,008	1,37,000	4,05	2,67,060
Or per mile of Railway	121	416	9	595
For previous 25 weeks of half-year.	19,01,149	31,87,541	86,468	51,75,158
Total for 24 weeks	19,27,149	33,24,541	90,468	54 22,158
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,31,741	1,38,643	2,451	2,32,880
Per mile of Rly. do.	286	417	5	703
Total to corresponding date do.	24,31,878	33,17,022	1,05,067	58 4 5,168

Decrease for the week ..... Rs. 76,880
Ditto. to date ..... " 4,33,010

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

GLOVER.—January 20, at 4, Marine Lines, Bombay, the wife of Captain H. Glover, Indian Staff Corps, of a son.

DEATH.

BATLIVALA-MODY.—January 21, at Bombay, Rust mjee, son of Mr. Mowanjee Hormjeebhoy Batlivala, Dealer of Messrs. Hall Brothers, and Chairman of the late Cowrjee Rassonjee Mody. Funeral this (Saturday) morning, at 7 o'clock, Towers of Silence.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad and loving memory of Percy Edward Flower, the dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Flower, who died of Laryngitis, on the 22nd January 1897. Deeply mourned.

We love him, yes, no tongue can tell,
How deep, how dearly, and now well.
A light is fro n our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LOYAL CITIZEN AND B.—As we find the date is so remote as 1896, we are sorry we cannot give you credit for that disinterested loyalty and purity of motive you wish us to. The correspondence is therefore closed.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1898.

THE valuable work of the Abbe Dubois on "Hindu Manners, Customs and Ceremonies" has been translated by Mr. H. K. Beauchamp, from the author's enlarged and corrected manuscript, and published by the Clar

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE TRIAL OF M. ZOLA.

LONDON, JAN. 21.

The trial of M. Zola is fixed to take place at the Seine Assizes on the 7th February.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE FRONTIER POLICY.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a luncheon at Liverpool, yesterday, urged that we must leave the questions of frontier strategy not to politicians here, but to military experts in India.

THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lord Lansdowne, in receiving a deputation of the leading surgeons and physicians of Great Britain, regarding the Army Medical Service, admitted that the present situation pointed to a grave condition of things, and he saw no objection to the formation of a medical corps; but the question of rank presented difficulties which were at present cumbrous. His lordship said he thought more suitable designations could be discovered, and he hoped shortly to announce a decision of the War Office regarding the question.

JAPAN MAKING PREPARATIONS.

Reuter wires from Yokohama that nine Japanese warships sail for China next week, and that a decree has been issued by the Japanese Government creating a Supreme Military Council, which includes Marquis Yamagata, the Inspector-General, of the Japanese Army.

RUSSIAN THREATS REGARDING TALIENWAN.

The *Times'* correspondent at Pekin states that in an interview between the Tsungliyamen and the Russian charge d' affaires the latter threatened recourse if Talienwan was thrown open.

The Chinese are wavering.

LORD WOLSELEY ON OUR PREPARED-NESS.

Lord Wolseley, speaking at a Volunteer dinner, last night said he was unable to understand the criticisms on our navy, which had just covered itself, and the country with glory, and his Lordship added that if war was declared to-morrow, two full army corps would be ready considerably before the navy could provide, &c.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, JAN. 20.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Ballarat, with the homeward mails of the 15th instant, arrived here, at p.m., to-day.

THE VICEROY'S COUNCIL.

THE CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

TRANSFERS AT 1s. 4 5-32D.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 21.

At to-day's meeting of the Viceroy's Council the usual business was first put through of presenting the reports of the Select Committees on the Pauper, Leper, and Stage Carriages Bills, and the passing of the latter measure.

The Hon'ble Mr. Rivaz then replied to the Hon'ble Mr. Chitnavis' question, and refused to entertain his suggestion for postponing the operation of the recent deficiency revision in parts of the Central Provinces.

The Bill relating to Stamps was then duly referred to the Select Committee, and

Sir James Westland moved that the Bill to provide for the issue of Currency Notes in exchange for gold be taken into consideration. He congratulated the Government on the relieved stringency in the money market which had followed the introduction of the Bill. The necessary powers having been given Sir James proceeded to discuss his two amendments. The first of these was purely verbal, but the second was of importance, as it enables the Secretary of State to exercise the option in regard to holding or remitting the gold he receives in London under the measure. Sir James explained that the operation of the Bill will be entirely analogous to that under which the financing is already done between Bombay and Calcutta and Rangoon, and will enable the Secretary of State to grant telegraphic transfers at times when he would otherwise be precluded from doing so by the tightness of money in India. A notification will be issued here to-day enabling the Secretary of State to operate under the Bill, and the Secretary of State will simultaneously issue a notification in London the effect that he is prepared to issue telegraphic transfers on India at one and fourpence and five-thirty seconds.

The Hon'ble Mr. Allan Arthur, representing the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, then spoke. He drew attention to the great evils of the fluctuating exchange, especially as regards the obstacle it offers to the bringing out of the capital, and argued that with the present state of indebtedness of India there is nothing between gold and silver, he thought, a measure to secure the conversion of exchange at some fixed rate or an other fall of exchange. He showed that in the last three years the loss to Government in the pay of soldiers' compensation allowance, and the Secretary of State's drafts as compared with what would have occurred if Exchange had been convertible at one and fourpence was nearly twelve crores of rupees, or seven million sterling. This was equivalent to the interest and sinking expenses on the conversion fund of something like eighty-eight millions, and he argued that with a total currency which Mr. Harrison has estimated at only one hundred and twenty crores, it was clear that whatever difference of opinion there might be regarding the exact amount of the conversion fund, the necessary conversion would be much the best of the two alternatives.

Sir James Westland replied with great caution. He explained that it was impossible for him to give any information whatever upon the subject at this stage, though his refusal to do so was not because the Government failed to attach any great weight to the opinions and wishes of the commercial community in the matter. It was purely because as a responsible Finance Minister he had to avoid compromising the Government in any way at this stage, and he had to be the more cautious owing to the attempts that had been made upon all sides to read between the lines and round the corner of his remarks a week ago.

The Council was adjourned to this day fortnight.

The following notification was issued to-day:—Whereas Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India has consented to hold in gold, coin or gold bullion such amount as he may determine to be equivalent in value to the notes to be issued under this order for the purposes and on the terms and conditions mentioned in Section 2 of the Indian Paper Currency Act 1896, the Governor-General-in-Council is pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Indian Paper Currency Act 1882, as amended by the Indian Paper Currency Act 1898, to direct that the Head Commissioner of the Paper Currency, the Commissioner of Paper Currency, Madras, and the Commissioner of Paper Currency, Bombay, shall issue Currency Notes on the security of gold coin or bullion held by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India to the amounts which the Secretary of State may from time to time advise. Notes will be issued under this order at the rate of one Government rupee for 7·3344 grains of fine gold with the addition of such further quantity of fine gold as the Secretary of State shall from time to time determine to be sufficient to cover all costs and charges incidental to the transmission of gold to India. Sovereigns and half-sovereigns of current weight coined at any authorised Royal Mint in England or Australia will be reckoned as containing 123·0016 grains of fine gold and 565·008 grains of fine gold, respectively.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

Finance Department—The provisions of the Provident Funds Act of 1897 are extended to the Provident Fund of the Bombay Port Trust.

Messrs. Eagles, Kelly, and Babu Ghatak are each gazetted for a step of permanent promotion in the Post Office from 1st January.

Mr. Scott O'Connor, Assistant Accountant-General, Bombay, is posted as Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, North-West Provinces, Mr. Hydari being posted to Bombay in his place.

The services of Colonel Gracey, Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department from to-morrow, Mr. Upcott being gazetted Secretary in his place, and Mr. Hudson appointed Deputy Secretary, vice Mr. Upcott.

Mr. Oliver, Director, Dehra Dunn, Forest School, is granted fifteen months' furlough. Mr. Gamble has reassumed the Directorship.

Captain Dallas, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, one year's furlough.

Conductor Fraggat, Ordnance Department, Bombay, has been retired to the Pension Establishment from the 15th.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel George King, I.M.S., is permitted to retire from 28th February.

Mr. Fairclough has been gazetted Second Lieutenant, Bombay Volunteer Artillery, vice Colonel Robertson promoted.—Mr. Guy is gazetted Second Lieutenant, Bombay, Baroda Railway Volunteers.

THE TIRAH EXPEDITION.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TRIBESMEN.

AKA KHEL RAIDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 21.

A Jamrud telegram of the 20th runs:—A few rifles have been surrendered, and a small sum of money paid in by the Afridi Jirgahs. This evening, however, for some unexplained reason, the Kambar and Kukikhel Jirgahs left the camp. The Malikdin, Sipah, and Kamra Jirgahs are still here, and endeavouring to induce the dissentients to return.

Reconnoitring parties were out both day and night in the neighbourhood of Mamani, but without seeing the enemy. Two raiding parties of Aka Khels, however, have been reported lurking in the Shinkamr caves.

THE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UTMANKHELS.

DESPATCHES BY GENERAL BLOOD.

General Blood's despatches describing the operations in Utmankhel country under Colonels Reid and Montanaro appear in the "Gazette," and these officers are commended by Sir George White to the favourable consideration of Government.

THE INDIAN POST OFFICE.

RESOLUTION ON THE ANNUAL REPORT.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 21.

The Government resolution on the yearly report of the Post Office is published. It shows an increase in postal articles, exclusive of money orders, of about 25 millions over last year; increase in unpaid letters of about one and a-half millions, attributed to the exodus caused by the plague. Among the measures carried out during the year were the extension of the sale of quinine through the agency of the Post Office; extension of the Punjab System; sending copies of Court documents by value payable post; introduction of the Calcutta Khulna and 24-Purgunnahs system; taking thumb impressions of illiterate payees in place of marks; experimental introduction of light hand carts along mofussil roads and bicycles in Madras for the carriage of mails; the amendment of the Post Office Act to provide legal means for the recovery from addressees of postal parcels of customs duty; increase from ten to 25 rupees o limit to the value of articles delivered by postmen; the introduction of a new system of registered newspapers; acceleration of the mail train between Madras and Tuticorin; acceleration of mail service between Calcutta and Bombay, running weekly special train from Bombay to Calcutta; inward foreign mails in about 40 hours, starting five hour after sighting the mail steamer. 99·06 per cent. total postal articles were delivered against 99·08 per cent. during the previous year. A greater part of the balance was returned to senders. 997,358 articles were undisposable, of which a large proportion was of delivery or return. As usual there was a large proportion of valuable property without or imperfectly addressed, of which a greater part was traced and delivered to owners. There was general increase in the operations of the Post Office Savings Bank and insurance business.

There were fifty-four claims for compensation for loss of insured articles against 18 during the previous year. Twenty claims arose of highway robberies in Native States; and 21 out of the burning of a postal van in a mail train of April 1896. Forty-six claims were admitted, amounting to Rs. 5,000.

The value payable system has remarkably increased, nearly 84 lakhs being payable to tradesmen of Calcutta. This business is steadily increasing with Ceylon. It is not yet introduced with other foreign countries. Complaints by the public amounted to 18,827, of which 24·26 per cent. were well founded.

The working of the Post Office shows as a financial result a surplus, after all corrections, of Rs. 13,27,678.

The resolution closes with the appreciation of Messrs. Fanshawe and Kisch; also of officers mentioned in the report, Messrs. Merrett and Stowell. It further states that the Viceroy would have been glad to learn the name of the second officer of the s.s. Purnlia who saved the mails from being capsized at Bundar Abbas.

GENERAL LOCKHART.

General Lockhart has again postponed his departure, and now leaves Bombay on the 5th February. He is expected in Calcutta on the 31st.

THE MEKRAN INCIDENT.

Colonel Mayne started on his march along the Mekran coast on the 10th with a force of 220 men and seven British officers—Lieutenant Knox, Political Officer, and Captain Turner, Survey Department. His baggage has been sent on well in advance on camels, his first objective being Pasni, on the coast, where he is to pick up the mule transport which is being sent by sea to await him.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.

The agricultural outlook in the Madras Presidency is somewhat improved by the rain of the past ten days, but throughout Northern India the holding off of winter storms continues to be much complained of, and seems likely to materially reduce the yield on the unirrigated land.

Prices do not appear from reports in this week's "Gazette" to be perceptibly lower.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, JAN. 21.

Captain Lewis, 5th Bombay Cavalry, Station Staff Officer, 2nd Class, Quetta, having been appointed to officiate as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General on District Staff in Bombay Command, is posted to Aden District, Military Works Department, on return from leave in England. Lieutenant Freeland, Royal Engineers is posted to Bombay Division, Military Works.

Army Medical Staff—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Johnston, on arrival from England, is posted to Deesa District.

Army Veterinary Department—On the expiration of Remount duty, Bombay, Veterinary-Lieutenant Farmer is directed to join Deesa for duty at the chief station Veterinary Hospital, vice Veterinary Lieutenant Axe.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Major Jersey, on promotion to that rank from the 35th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, and Captain Usborne, No. 25 Company, Eastern Division, have been transferred to the 35th Field Battery.

The name of Captain Baldock, Merwara Battalion, has been withdrawn from the list of officers detailed to attend the Garrison course, commencing on 24th instant, in Bombay Command.

The Government of India have been pleased to order that the Native troops and Followers employed with the Mohmand Field Force be considered on Foreign Service for the purpose of the grant of family pensions under the usual rules with effect from the date of leaving Shabkadar.

It is notified that the Government of India have sanctioned (not entitled) Troopship passages, if available, being granted to families of officers whose tour of service in India is completed, but who have been detained on active service. These passages will be granted on the understanding that such families have no precedence over others.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India:—Captain Legh, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 16th Bombay Infantry, for one year (pension service 19th year commenced 22nd January 1897).

The undermentioned officers and warrant officer have leave of absence:—2nd Class Assistant Surgeon Martin, Indian Subordinate Medical Department, 6 months' leave, on medical certificate.

Extensions—Lieutenant Grater, Bombay Sappers and Miners, 2 months' leave, on medical certificate, granted by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India; Lieutenant Searle, 9th Bombay Infantry, 8 months leave, on private affairs, granted by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India; Captain Thomson, 28th Bombay Pioneers, leave till 26th May 1898, on medical certificate, granted by the Right Honourable Secretary of State for India.

THE SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Gunners William Edward Piper and Albert John Clarke were, this evening, placed before Mr. Plunkett, C.I.E, City Magistrate, and charged under sections 302 and 109 of murder and abetment of murdee in that, on Sunday, 16th inst., they brought about the death of Arjuna Talsiram Bhedkey, by shooting him near the village of Mahim.

Only one witness, Nama Yemaji Bhedkey, was examined, who gave evidence about the gunners drinking at the well, and their trying to take them to the patel for having polluted the water. They had hauls on the gunners; but the latter brushed them away. They followed the gunners for 600 yards, when Clarke struck witness with stone. Then Arjun was got in front of the gunners. They moved aside, and Piper raising the rifle shot him dead. There was nobody present at the time, but two others came on the scene. As witness started after the soldiers, the police came on the scene that night, and the body of the deceased was brought to Poona for *post mortem* the next morning.

Accused reserved cross-examination. The case is proceeding.

TABLE TALK.

(BY WALTER BESANT.)

LONDON, DEC. 31.

THE years of late have not been very happy, I fear. Probably when one looks back one remembers so many anxious moments, so many bereavements, so many things gone wrong, that one wonders how there could have been any happiness at all. The reason is that external events do not, as a rule, deeply affect the happiness of a family or an individual. We are wrapped up in our own interests; we read and are disturbed at the prospect of national disaster, loss of trade, and the rest of it. The cloud passes; nothing happens; we sit down with a sigh of relief. The season, however, seems to offer an opportunity for the delivery of a little homily on a subject which much concerns me, because I find myself accused of being wholly possessed by it. My subject is optimism. I am charged with being an optimist. One might, to begin with, be a pessimist, which would be a great deal more mischievous. Why should one be an optimist? It is, as everybody knows, so very much easier to take a gloomy view of things. In fact, there are plenty of philosophers who are accepted as sages purely because they always take the gloomy view. In politics, for example, noting is more easy than to prophesy war—a great war; the greatest war that the world ever saw. I know some who have prophesied such a war for the last thirty years. Not only is it to be a great war, but the commencement of many other great wars. These thinkers point to racial hatreds; the hatred of nation to nation, they argue, seems to know no decrease, but quite the reverse. Yet we do not fly to arms as formerly. How many European wars have we conducted during this century? Two How many during the present? Racial hatreds which consist entirely of nagging without any other signs of activity are not a very serious force. Of course, if a war breaks out such hatreds would make it worse. But consider the nagging; what does it means? It means reviling by the Press. I do not believe that the Germans as a nation bear any hatred—beyond a certain amount of natural envy—towards this country, yet their Press is as full of revilings as any Irish-American journal. The Press, you see, is run to pay; it says what it thinks the bulk of the people will like. Now people like reviling in the abstract because it looks like strength. We all know Germans. How do we find them? Anxious that the commercial prosperity of their country shall advance, yet friendly as they can be to ourselves. It is the same with France. It is the same with Russia. Then why do the editors continue their attacks? Because they think their readers like it; because it is taken for strength, which is the reason why the Irish-American Press abuses us; because, also, a certain portion of the Press—the Reptile Press—is conducted by perfectly unscrupulous persons, who are paid to keep up a semblance of race hostility. Anyway, it hardly appears as if the reviling of the Press affected the people. It is a private sentiment, and it certainly must not be taken, as our gloomy philosopher takes it, as a proof of racial hatred. But pessimism may be defended in other ways. There is the worship of wealth. It is notorious, my gentle reader, that the man has money, he is received everywhere—people of the highest rank wish him. No objection, he says, is taken to the methods by which his money has been made. Is that really so? Did the Archbishop of Canterbury visit or receive the millionaire who came to an untimely end the other day? Was he ready to preach a sermon in his church on the text that respect for truth and honour has become lowered in this country during the last five and twenty years? I do not see any reason whatever for supposing this to be the case. Would a paper continue long to flourish which was known to be in the hands of unscrupulous financiers? I doubt it very much. Would such a financier, however successful, though he was gilded all over, though his knuckles were gouty with diamonds instead of chalk stones, be admitted into certain clubs—the Athenæum, the Senior United Service, the Old University—for instance? I think not. I think not. But there are still other things. Have the people higher standards in religion, morals, literature, art, music? We insist not ask, understand, if they have a high standard, but if they have higher standards than those of the past. I am quite sure that they have. The comparisons of this century, the general standard from every point of view—is enormously advanced upon that of sixty—eighty—a hundred years ago. Where there were millions wallowing in ignorance and brutishness incredible, there are now millions living cleanly, wholesome lives; educated, responsible. I am not saying that their life is high, but that it is advancing. Schools are planted everywhere; is that nothing? Free libraries are open; institutions provide music; polytechnics give instruction and gymnastics. These various means of advancement are only open to comparatively few; but churches are open; they are made use of; there are missionaries everywhere compelling the people to come in. All that we can hope for is advance. Well, but there are the trade unions? My Philosopher of Gloom says that they are driving trade away from the country; that the springs of pity and of shame; that imposing their own terms there will be no work to do; that they care for nothing but their wages. I am not prepared to defend the men. Would it not, however, be wise to teach them what a trade union ought to be? I do not know of any single effort made by a political economist, or by one who has a right to be heard, to teach the unions what should be their aims, their scope, and their limitations. Meantime, the only way to make men unite is for their common advantage, and, above all, for the maintance of fair wages. There is, again, the literature of the people. My Philosopher of Gloom declaring that the things they read are "slush." Again, let us consider. People ask for new books; they will have new books. Now the publishers, who are horribly afraid of the people, insist on issuing their books at a high price, as many people in the country can afford to pay three or four shillings for a book? I believe there are half a million families only whose income is over £200 a year. Now, it is ridiculous to suppose that a man with £200 a year and a family to keep on it can possibly pay three or four shillings for a book. Therefore they wait for the cheap edition. He buys a penny weekly. The area of those who demand new reading increases every year by many thousands—hundreds of thousands. But their power of buying books does not increase. Hence the penny weekly. They are, however, a hope that the penny weekly will improve. It is, in fact, improving. There is, next, the comfortable fact that the free library is now getting established everywhere, and that the millions who can only afford to spend a penny on their literature are coming into the library to borrow for nothing. More than this, the reports of the librarians show more and more that the taste of the people is wholesome altogether, and not confined to "slush," of which there should be none in the library at all. Let us take another point—viz., that of philanthropy. In the last century no one expected philanthropy. There were few lovers of mankind at all. One remembers the names of Raikes, Howard, Buxton, and Fry to begin with—great names, but few in number. To be sure, mankind was not then very lovable. In the novels of the time and on the stage, if anyone helps a person in distress, the object of relief goes on his knees, and, with sobs and tears of astonishment and gratitude, calls on Heaven to witness and reward this good action. So that when a beggar woman nowadays invokes Heaven's blessings in return for a penny she is ignorantly practising an eighteenth century survival. Consider for a moment the enormous amount of philanthropic work now going on in London alone. There is hardly a house from which some support to some form of philanthropic work does not go out; there is hardly a single person of all the millions in Greater London who does not give to something. There are many thousands who devote themselves, without hope of reward, without fame or praise or fame, to this kind of work. Is this good for the people? I cannot choose but think so. I was visiting the other day a University Settlement, called Mansfield House, in West Ham. It is managed by a small company of young men and women. There are 3,000 members of this House, with a club of 300 boys. They have made of it a club for every kind of orderly recreative work. They are converting these thousands into cultured men and women—gentlemen and gentlewomen. Is work like this such as should encourage pessimism? So wonderful is the power of human nature when one gets in contact with it, that he who goes about among men and women, even of the lowest, is never a pessimist. He is alway cheerfull, always hopeful; he is taught from day to day that humanity is very human; that everywhere there are the springs of pity and of shame; that women especially desire, by instinct, the better life, which, of course, includes self-respect. The pessimist is the man who sits apart in his study and reads, who compiles statistics; or he is the young man who would be smart, and desires, above all things, to get his surpassing gifts recognised. He knows nothing—absolutely nothing—of the world; he lives in Piccadilly. Such a young man becomes very easily the worst kind of pessimist. In the club smoking-room he shows how everything is going at a speed constantly accelerated to the bow-wows. We can no longer paint—Leighton and Millais are shallow pretenders; we can no longer write plays; we can no longer make poetry; our music is contemptible; our people have no taste; vulgarity invades all . . . and so forth. Meantime, and to sum up, I ask whether the intellectual, moral, and social condition of the world has advanced and is advancing. And I am an optimist, because I am persuaded that it has been and that it is advancing. And again, because I am an optimist, therefore I look for further advance. And therefore I look forward, in sure and certain hope, and in complete faith, to a time when the state and condition of our people will be better in every way, intellectually, physically, than our own condition. In that belief and hope, dear reader, once more a happy New Year. Let it mark one more definite step in advance; or, at least, no falling off in the advance that we have made.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

BYCULLA WARD.

THE result of the recent Municipal elections in the Byculla ward was officially declared yesterday afternoon as follows:—

1. Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, 805 votes.
2. Mr. Haji Yusuf Haji Ismail, 755.
3. Mr. Sorabji Cursetji Dhondi, 641.
4. Rao Saheb Bhappa Balaram, 495.
5. Mr. Jaya Karadi Linge, 457.

These five gentlemen have been declared duly elected.

FROCKS AND FASHIONS.

(BY A LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 24.

WE are certainly going to have a "Green Christmas," and I only hope that the rest of the proverb "A Fat Churchyard" will not be fulfilled. The weather the last two weeks has been most wonderfully mild and warm for the time of year, in fact, one would almost have imagined that Spring was coming, had it not been for the unmistakable signs of Christmas that one sees all around. After 11 a.m. it is almost an impossibility to get on even bowing terms with the inside of any of the London shops. This is very tantalizing as they are all decked out with every form of present useful and ornamental with which to entice the public. The trains and railway stations are equally crowded with school-boys and school-girls going home for the holidays and holiday-makers of all descriptions. I travelled the other day with a lady who was trying to induce the railway officials to believe that her small family consisting of three extremely well grown and robust olive branches were all under three years of age. It reminded me of what a child in India said to me one day: "It's so funny, 'she said, "but whenever we stop at a station, mother always sends us all into the bath-room till the train has gone on." What a knack some children have of letting out family secrets!

All London is talking of the terrible tragedy resulting in the death of Mr. Terriss, the popular actor. No more genial or kind-hearted man existed, or one less likely one would think to inspire a grudge in the breast of anybody. Certainly his death was theatrical: struck down in the very heart of busy London, in a street thronged by passers-by. One can scarcely believe such a thing to be possible, and it reads more like a scene on the stage than anything else. It appears from the evidence that the assassin, Richard Arthur Prince, is an actor, poor and struggling, ambitious but unsuccessful. One can imagine the terrible jealousy a man like this must feel when he sees another man at the top of the tree in his profession and contrasts his position with his own. No doubt, I shall be accused of wrong-feeling—though certainly no one can feel more horror than I do at the terrible crime committed,—but I always feel so sorry for murderers. What terrible remorse they must suffer—alone in their cells for so many days and nights awaiting an ignominious death.

But I must turn to brighter things. I want this week to devote a great part of my letter to the subject of evening dresses, and I especially wish to tell you about the new transparent flounces of embroidered net which really form entire skirts as they are beautifully cut and shaped, and only require putting into a waist-band. These are splendid investments, for if mounted on an old silk evening skirt they will transform it into an entirely new dress of the latest fashion. The prettiest of these flounces to my mind is the black ones embroidered in either steel or bright green sequins and worn over a black satin or silk skirt. Net skirts embroidered in every kind of coloured bead or sequin and worn over every sort of coloured silk or satin are quite the rage of the moment. I saw several beautiful ones in a shop the other day, which, as regards price, I had no objection, he says, is taken to the methods by which his money has been made. Is that really so? Did the Archbishop of Canterbury visit or receive the millionaire who came to an untimely end the other day? Was he ready to preach a sermon in his church on the text that respect for truth and honour has become lowered in this country during the last five and twenty years? I do not see any reason whatever for supposing this to be the case. Would a paper continue long to flourish which was known to be in the hands of unscrupulous financiers? I doubt it very much. Would such a financier, however successful, though he was gilded all over, though his knuckles were gouty with diamonds instead of chalk stones, be admitted into certain clubs—the Athenæum, the Senior United Service, the Old University—for instance? I think not. I think not. But there are still other things. Have the people higher standards in religion, morals, literature, art, music? We insist not ask, understand, if they have a high standard, but if they have higher standards than those of the past. I am quite sure that they have. The comparisons of this century, the general standard from every point of view—is enormously advanced upon that of sixty—eighty—a hundred years ago. Where there were millions wallowing in ignorance and brutishness incredible, there are now millions living cleanly, wholesome lives; educated, responsible. I am not saying that their life is high, but that it is advancing. Schools are planted everywhere; is that nothing? Free libraries are open; institutions provide music; polytechnics give instruction and gymnastics. These various means of advancement are only open to comparatively few; but churches are open; they are made use of; there are missionaries everywhere compelling the people to come in. All that we can hope for is advance. Well, but there are the trade unions? My Philosopher of Gloom says that they are driving trade away from the country; that the springs of pity and of shame; that imposing their own terms there will be no work to do; that they care for nothing but their wages. I am not prepared to defend the men. Would it not, however, be wise to teach them what a trade union ought to be? I do not know of any single effort made by a political economist, or by one who has a right to be heard, to teach the unions what should be their aims, their scope, and their limitations. Meantime, the only way to make men unite is for their common advantage, and, above all, for the maintance of fair wages. There is, again, the literature of the people. My Philosopher of Gloom declaring that the things they read are "slush." Again, let us consider. People ask for new books; they will have new books. Now the publishers, who are horribly afraid of the people, insist on issuing their books at a high price, as many people in the country can afford to pay three or four shillings for a book? I believe there are half a million families only whose income is over £200 a year. Now, it is ridiculous to suppose that a man with £200 a year and a family to keep on it can possibly pay three or four shillings for a book. Therefore they wait for the cheap edition. He buys a penny weekly. The area of those who demand new reading increases every year by many thousands—hundreds of thousands. But their power of buying books does not increase. Hence the penny weekly. They are, however, a hope that the penny weekly will improve. It is, in fact, improving. There is, next, the comfortable fact that the free library is now getting established everywhere, and that the millions who can only afford to spend a penny on their literature are coming into the library to borrow for nothing. More than this, the reports of the librarians show more and more that the taste of the people is wholesome altogether, and not confined to "slush," of which there should be none in the library at all. Let us take another point—viz., that of philanthropy. In the last century no one expected philanthropy. There were few lovers of mankind at all. One remembers the names of Raikes, Howard, Buxton, and Fry to begin with—great names, but few in number. To be sure, mankind was not then very lovable. In the novels of the time and on the stage, if anyone helps a person in distress, the object of relief goes on his knees, and, with sobs and tears of astonishment and gratitude, calls on Heaven to witness and reward this good action. So that when a beggar woman nowadays invokes Heaven's blessings in return for a penny she is ignorantly practising an eighteenth century survival. Consider for a moment the enormous amount of philanthropic work now going on in London alone. There is hardly a house from which some support to some form of philanthropic work does not go out; there is hardly a single person of all the millions in Greater London who does not give to something. There are many thousands who devote themselves, without hope of reward, without fame or praise or fame, to this kind of work. Is this good for the people? I cannot choose but think so. I was visiting the other day a University Settlement, called Mansfield House, in West Ham. It is managed by a small company of young men and women. There are 3,000 members of this House, with a club of 300 boys. They have made of it a club for every kind of orderly recreative work. They are converting these thousands into cultured men and women—gentlemen and gentlewomen. Is work like this such as should encourage pessimism? So wonderful is the power of human nature when one gets in contact with it, that he who goes about among men and women, even of the lowest, is never a pessimist. He is alway cheerfull, always hopeful; he is taught from day to day that humanity is very human; that everywhere there are the springs of pity and of shame; that women especially desire, by instinct, the better life, which, of course, includes self-respect. The pessimist is the man who sits apart in his study and reads, who compiles statistics; or he is the young man who would be smart, and desires, above all things, to get his surpassing gifts recognised. He knows nothing—absolutely nothing—of the world; he lives in Piccadilly. Such a young man becomes very easily the worst kind of pessimist. In the club smoking-room he shows how everything is going at a speed constantly accelerated to the bow-wows. We can no longer paint—Leighton and Millais are shallow pretenders; we can no longer write plays; we can no longer make poetry; our music is contemptible; our people have no taste; vulgarity invades all . . . and so forth. Meantime, and to sum up, I ask whether the intellectual, moral, and social condition of the world has advanced and is advancing. And I am an optimist, because I am persuaded that it has been and that it is advancing. And again, because I am an optimist, therefore I look for further advance. And therefore I look forward, in sure and certain hope, and in complete faith, to a time when the state and condition of our people will be better in every way, intellectually, physically, than our own condition. In that belief and hope, dear reader, once more a happy New Year. Let it mark one more definite step in advance; or, at least, no falling off in the advance that we have made.

The revival of the sash is very welcome—it is such a pretty fashion, and imparts, I always think, such a "dressy effect." They are worn of endless variety. Wide satin and moire ribbon, with the ends fringed and embroidered in jet, steel or any description of beads, look very pretty. They are equally pretty and equally fashionable, edged all round with a narrow ruche of chiffon of either the same colour as the ribbon or in a contrasting shade. A white sash edged with black looks very smart with a black or white costume. Sometimes in addition to the ruche the ends are trimmed with frills of accordian pleated chiffon. These are also shaped silk or satin sashes in all colours, narrow at the top and gradually getting wider and wider towards the ends. These are also trimmed with chiffon ruches, and are generally fastened through the centre with a photographing the rapidly changing phases of the eclipse, and we may look for such pictures of the beautiful scene as have never been seen. It is a somewhat sobering thought that the whole wonderful display may shortly be available for exact reproduction by means of the apparatus recalling to us the sashes of our grandmothers. Waistbands are still very narrow to allow the pouched bodice to fall over the front. Jewelled belts in every kind of colour and design are still worn both indoors and out of doors, the smartest being in steel and turquoise; they are very expensive, and I fancy will be less fashionable when the Russian blouse declines in favour. In Paris, I hear, the rage for Russian coats and blouses has quite died out. This is just as well, for trying as they are to English figures, they are ten times more unbecoming to Frenchwomen, and I for one shall be very glad to see the last of these models à la Russe.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Egypt, Captain R. F. Briscoe, will sail to-day, for London and Brindisi, with English Mail, and the following passengers:—

FOR LONDON.

Botte, Mr and Mrs	Macpherson, Miss M
Bromley, Mr S	Morris, Mrs
Brown, Mr J E	Nicholas, Mr
Bordes, Mr W	Oliver, Mr J W
Clarke, Mr R	Pohl, Mr
Cheetham, Mr J	Paine, Mrs
Coad fie, Major E W	Riley, Mr Joseph H
Dixon, Mr F P	Donaldson, Mr E
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Freeman, Miss	Shanley, Mr G D
Forriell, Mr E	Sim, Mr R
Flint, Mr	Tafehrn, Mr A
Gamble, Rev and Mrs child and infant	Turnbull, Rev
Gorfrey, Mr G C	Treweek, Mr R J
Hollward, Mr Leslie	Thomas, Mr Spencer
Hornby, Mrs Phipps	Tomson, Miss Spencer
Kimbell, Mr G	Thomas, Mrs
Macnaughey, Mr and Mrs	Wyse, Mr Theo

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

TO-DAY, SATURDAY.

Yachts Handicap Race. Start at 1-36 p.m.

Names of Boats	Entered by
Chita	E Comber
Red Rose	Rear Admiral Sir John Hext, R N
Mannikin	Officers, R A
Melody	J B Macbeth

Course No 1.—From Committee vessel round South Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock and thence to Committee vessel leaving a l marks to starboard. Length of course—7-13 miles.

Tomtit Class Race—Start at 3-15 p.m.

Names of Boats	Entered by
Midget	Officers, R A
May	Commander J W Chandler
Carsike	A H Byrne
Teal	W Murray
Lorna	M P Baird

Course No 13 [reversed] viz.—From Committee vessel round markboat with "R" flag at South Troopship Buoy, leaving it to port round Middle Ground Buoy, leaving it to port and thence to Committee vessel. [Three times round]. Length of course—5-7 miles.

NOTE.—The Committee vessel must be left to port at the completion of 1st and 2nd rounds, but to starboard at finish of third round.

ROYAL BOMBAY GOLF CLUB.

THE result of the competition for St. George's Medal was as follows:—

Scratch.			
1	O Marshall		79
2	C S H Boggs		84
3	H G W Meikle		87
4	P F Fischer		88

These were the only players who entered for the competition, which was won by Mr. O. Marshall, with a score only 3 strokes over that of Col. Bogey, whose present round is 38.

The result of the handicap competition on the 20th and 21st instant was as follows:—

1	H F Wesson	97	24	73
2	W G Nigel-Jones	89	14	75
3	J Bromley	97	16	81
4	H Bromley	97	14	83
5	J C Kiddle	92	09	83

There were 21 entries for the competition, which Mr. Weston, who was evidently too liberally handicapped, won easily.

TO-DAY'S ECLIPSE.

SPECIAL TRAINS FROM BOMBAY.

LAST evening the Victoria Terminus presented an unusually busy aspect, as in addition to the ordinary service, no less than five special trains were despatched to Jeur, carrying passengers for the purpose of seeing to-day's Solar eclipse. A few weeks ago Mr. A. Muirhead, the General Traffic Manager of the G. I. P. Railway, notified by advertisement that if a sufficient number of persons intimated their intention of proceeding to Jeur on the night of January 21st, a special train would be run and that arrangements for serving refreshments would be made by the company. In response to this notification a large number of citizens applied for seats in the special; and it was soon found that one train would be quite inadequate for the purpose in view. The first of the five specials left Victoria Terminus at half-past 5 o'clock (railway time) and was reserved for the officers of the company and a few officers of the B.B. and C. I. Railway Company. It consisted of sixteen saloon carriages. The second train started at 9-55 and conveyed a select party of members of Bombay Society, who had agreed to join the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons in chartering a special. Mr. Parsons undertook to secure a hundred passengers and the total number for whom seats had been booked was 104. The passengers included the Judges of the High Court, Brigadier-General F. Ventris, a number of civil servants, military officers, barristers, merchants, and the lady members of their families. The train consisted of fourteen first class carriages, two third class carriages, and a brakevan. Amongst those who left by the special were the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Strachey, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Parsons, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Candy, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fulton; Messrs. J. C. Anderson, H. C. Kirkpatrick, C. W. Chitty, Sanders-Slater, Walter Lang, Branson, J. P. Orr, I.C.S., Moriarty, I. C. S., Professors Hathornthwaite, Muller, Covernton, and Sharp; Messrs. L. Robertson, P. Reynolds, R. S. Brown, Basil Scott, J. H. Du Boulay, I. C. S., Brigadier-General F. Ventris, Messrs. H. M. Phipson, E. M. Slater, J. McLeod, H. Bicknell, the Rev. R. M. Gray, Messrs. J. Wood, I. C. S., A. Logan, I. C. S., Ostermayer, A. P. Leslie, Dr. MacDonald, Colonel Freeman, Surgeon-Major Monks, and many others. The next special started fifty minutes later and was intended for the general public. It was composed of eleven first class carriages, three third class waggons, and a brakevan. Amongst the passengers by this train were the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Badrudin Tyebji, Mr. F. A. Little, the Hon'ble Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram and Mr. Abbas Baig. Every available seat was filled, and the second of the public trains which left ten minutes later was equally crowded. It consisted of seven first class carriages, two composite carri

yield and not to die. She persuades him, and he surrenders to honorable terms. Enibah would have saved him, even in his victors' power, when he falls into the snare laid for the passionate warrior, but he is betrayed by his own fiery spirit, and dies pierced to the heart, in single combat, with the Governor of the Morea, Mehemet Pashe, who is sent to cunningly tempt Ali to fight. With the death of this formidable opponent, the Sultan at length feels himself safe on his throne. The destruction of the Janissaries has little to do with the story except chronologically, for the fine band was laid low soon after the death of Ali Tepelenli. The terrible fight in which the too powerful regiment is annihilated, is described with fire and force :—

"Within the walls of the barracks the Janissaries made ready for their last desperate combat. It was now late. Ibrahim the Infernal began to bombard the barrack with red-hot bullets, and within an hour's time the whole of the enormous building was in flames. Those who were inside the palace remained here, for they were doomed to perish together. Amidst the roaring of the flames, their death-cries were audible; but the flames grew stronger every moment, and the cry of their mortal anguish waxed fainter. The Generals stood around the building, and tears glittered in more eyes than one; after all it had been a valiant host!

On that day twenty thousand Janissaries fell by the command of the Padishah. Those whom the bullet and the sword did not reach, perished by the axe and the bowstring. Their bodies were given to the Bosporus, and for a long time afterwards the billows of distant seas cast their headless trunks on the shores of countries far away. They were the Flowers of Beginah.

And so the name of the Janissaries was blotted out of the annals of Ottoman history. . . . Thus came to an end a soldiery which had existed for centuries, which the wise Chanderell founded, and which had won so many glorious triumphs for the Ottoman arms. It was now unlawful to mention its very name.

But when the bloody work was done, the Ottoman nation arose again full of fresh vigour, and it owed a new life, full of glorious days, to the hand which delivered the Empire from its two greatest enemies —Tepelenli and the Janissaries."

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

BRUTAL MURDER OF A LITTLE GIRL.

IMPERATRIX VS. JERA MODY.

This was an appeal from a decision of Mr. T. D. Fry, acting Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad, who, on the 9th December last, convicted the accused of the murder of Shivi, daughter of Bapu Jalmat, and sentenced him to death. Mr. R. V. Desai appeared for the accused, and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The appellant No. 2 and two others were charged before Mr. Fry with the murder of a girl named Shivi, about eight years of age, with abetment of murder with abetment of kidnapping, and with robbery. Accused No. 1 was charged with abetment of murder, with kidnapping, and with abetment of robbery. There could be no reasonable doubt, Mr. Fry said, that the child Shivi was foully murdered. She was one evening playing with her companions. Four days afterwards, her body, much decomposed, was found in a well in the fields. It was tied up in a pot (coat in which stones had been tied. The case for the Crown was that accused, No. 1, was a servant of Shivi's father, Bapu; and that these was some dispute between him and his master about pay. He conspired with the remaining accused (of whom Nos. 2 and 3 were his brothers, and No. 4 was his cousin) to kidnap Bapu's child and to rob her of her ornaments. In pursuance of this conspiracy, No. 1 enticed away Shivi, and handed her over to the remaining accused, who robbed and then murdered her. Bapu's daughter Rupali and a boy named Jhalia stated that they were playing with Shivi and other children when Jesang, No. 1, induced Shivi to accompany him on the pretext that he was taking her to her father. She was at that time wearing the ornaments produced before the court. One Nathugar stated that he was in his field at night when he heard a child crying; that he asked whose the child was; that accused No. 2 replied that it was his child; and that he saw three other men going on ahead. Another witness stated that, on the night in question, No. 1 came to his field and asked permission to sleep there, giving a somewhat vague reason for the request; that in the course of the night, he went away and was absent for a long time; that on the witness asking the reason for his prolonged absence, he gave a scarcely intelligible answer to the effect that he heard a noise which led him to suppose that a theft had been committed. He rose more than once during the night, seemed excited, and complained of being ill at ease. Shivi's father Bapu stated that Rupali returned home without Shivi, and said that Jesang No. 1 had taken Shivi away. As No. 1 had left Bapu's service, and had a dispute with him, his suspicions were aroused. He went to his field; but found no traces of Shivi. He went to the house of No. 1, where the latter's wife told him that the four accused had been away since the evening. Shortly afterwards Nos. 2, 3, and 4 came to the house. They were barebacked and in an excited state. Bapu asked where No. 1 was, and they said they did not know. Bapu returned home and sat on his cots. Shortly afterwards Nos. 2, 3, and 4 passed the house. Bapu followed them. The three men sat under a banian tree, and Bapu overheard part of their conversation. They cautioned secrecy and spoke of a body being in a well with stones attached to it. Bapu afterwards reported the matter to the police. Accused Nos. 2, 3, and 4 afterwards pointed out the spot in the fields at which was found the corpse of Shivi. No. 2 produced the ornaments from the part of his field where they had been buried. Taking the foregoing facts together with the evidence, Mr. Fry was of opinion that a strong case had been made out against Nos. 2, 3, and 4 in the charge of murder. The jury found No. 1 guilty of kidnapping Shivi with intent to remove her ornaments, and of abetting robbery, but not guilty of abetting murder. He was sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment for the two offences. No. 2, the appellant, was sentenced to death. Nos. 3 and 4, who did not appeal, were sentenced each to transportation for life.

Their lordships confirmed the sentence of death passed upon the appellant, and dismissed his appeal.

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Mr Sakharam Ganesh Vaidi ...	25
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A. LESLIE,
Honorary Secretary.

Bombay, 19th January 1898.

DON'T LOOK OLD.—With advancing years grey hairs increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and restores the appearance.—Lockyer's The English Hair Restorer!

NEWS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL BADCOCK, Quartermaster-General, has proceeded from Calcutta to Darjeeling to inspect the new British Infantry barracks there.

MEHRAB KHAN is reported to be preparing to offer resistance to Colonel Mayne's column as it advances from the Mekran coast to Nasirabad, where the Nazim of the Khan of Kalat now is. The rising, however, does not appear to be spreading, as various local chiefs profess themselves anxious to render assistance to Colonel Mayne in his march.

THE trooping with England will be very heavy this relief season, for a very large number of sick and wounded men have to be sent home—an inevitable consequence of the frontier operations; while more drafts will be required to fill the gaps in the ranks. The hired transport Dumera will make an extra voyage outward and homeward at the end of the season.

IT is understood that changes are being proposed in the political arrangements affecting the Native States—some 187 in number—of the Kathiawar Peninsula. These Principalities were first brought under the control of the British Government in 1807; and in 1863 the arrangements, now holding good, were concluded, viz., the various States are divided into seven classes: the first-class chiefs (seven in number) enjoy full jurisdiction; while the others are invested with powers varying according to their class. All the State, irrespective of their particular classes, are ranged in four divisions, or "Prants," viz, Jhallawar, Gohelwar, Sorath and Halar, or North, East, South and West. A Political Agent under the orders of the Bombay Government controls the whole congeries of States, while an Assistant Political Agent is in charge of each of the four divisions. It is now proposed that the first-class States should be removed from their respective divisions and brought directly under the control of the Political Agent, so that their Chiefs could forward their correspondence directly to him, without previously passing it through a Divisional Political Assistant. It is moreover proposed to amalgamate the remaining States of Gohelwar (East) with those of Jhallawar (North). The number of Divisions would thus be reduced from four to three, and one Political Assistant could be dispensed with, while the Political Agent himself would have direct charge of the first-class States. The first-class Chiefs are believed on the whole to be desirous of bringing about the proposed changes; but there are many difficulties in the way of their accomplishment.

STATISTICS oftentimes convey a mass of information at a glance, and this is the case with regard to some published figures of trade in the Central Provinces during the great famine. The normal annual outlay on European piece goods for years throughout those Provinces is about eighty lakhs: last year forty odd lakhs only were expended. This is perhaps the most eloquent testimony that could be borne to the shrinkage in the purchasing power of the people. Amongst the poverty-stricken ryots of the Central Provinces there is never any waste of expenditure on clothing, and the normal outlay may well be taken as the irreducible minimum which their necessities compel. The fact that last year this total fell to one half proves that there was a large section of the population too poor to satisfy necessity in the way of clothing, and of this truth we had ample proof in the ragged and poverty-stricken condition of the labourers.

A CLEVER robbery is just under trial in the Deputy Commissioner's Court at Sialkot, the accused being three noted badmashes of Sialkot city named Karam Din, Nathu, and Radha. The case has, however, now turned, "Queen's evidence," has however, been pardoned. Their *modus operandi* was as follows:—Karam Din secretly visited the complainant, a Bhabra named Ralla, and expressing his desire to dispose of certain new silver jewellery, arranged to meet him at a lonely spot. The unsuspecting Ralla duly repaired to the rendezvous at the appointed hour, and Karam Din meeting him struck a comparatively cheap bargain, and cleared off with the price received. In the meanwhile however, the two confederates, Nathu and Radha, watched the proceedings under cover of the darkness, and as soon as they found their victim alone they pounced upon him and easily forced him to deliver up the jewellery under threat of being handed over to the police for dealing in stolen property. The three villains, of course, met on the following day and divided their ill gotten gains. The investigation has brought to light that these three culprits have, since a long time, been conducting this method of robbing timid Bhabras, their last attempt being the only one in which their victim had the pluck to report the matter to the police.

FROM the 8th to the 14th instant, 1 European, 3 Eurasians, 28 Native Christians, 247 Hindus and 61 Mahomedans died within the Municipal limits of Madras, making a total of 340 persons. The average for the corresponding week of the ten previous years was 245. The deaths are thus classified:—10 from cholera, 1 from small-pox, 12 from measles, 113 from fevers, 34 from dysentery, 12 from diarrhœa, and 149 from other diseases. The death-rate in the week under notice was 39·0 per 1,000 per annum. The mean of the 10 previous years was 32·6 per 1,000 per annum.

THE Sikhs of Lahore and Sialkot have been holding public meetings to discuss steps to be taken to commemorate the bravery of the Sikh soldiers at Saragarhi and Fort Gulistan. The Lahore meeting was held at the Town Hall on Sunday evening and was very largely attended. A feature of the audience was the presence of the native officers and men of the 32nd Pioneers. The meeting was very enthusiastic and speeches were delivered in support of resolutions by Sirdars Gurdial Singh, Divisional Judge, Sialkot, Wazir Singh, E.A.C., Rajinder Singh, Gujjar Singh, Pleader, Pundit Maharaj Kishen, Bhais Ajit Singh, B.A., Mool Singh, Rai Bahadur, Sohan Singh, B.A., Mehr Singh Chawla, Jawahar Singh, Bishan Singh, Attar Singh, &c. A subscription list was opened in the room and largely supported. The Sialkot meeting was largely attended by European and native gentlemen. The speakers included Captain J. H. Christie, Cantonment Magistrate, Sirdar Sundar Singh, Khan Bahadur Ghulam Ahmad Khan, Resaldar Gurdial Singh, 12th Bengal Cavalry, Sirdar Muhammad Sarwar Khan, Surgeon-Major Stephen Little and others. A subscription list was opened at the Sialkot meeting. The little Sikh colony in London has been forming itself into an Association, and at a meeting held at the Ideal Club in Tottenham Court Road they have elected officers and concluded the other preliminary formalities. Among the objects of the Association is the celebration of the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh in an appropriate fashion.

"WELL, sir, and what do you think of our country?" It is said that a Yankee has been known to have asked this question of a stranger even at sea when the land was only in sight. But, early or late, you must never forget that there is only one answer which will satisfy them, and that is the clear and unqualified response, "I guess your country is the finest in the world." And in so speaking you will not be complying with a necessity which, for social success and goodwill, is absolutely essential on all occasions. I knew that I should be expected to like most of their things, writes a recent traveller, but I had not realised that I should have to praise in extravagant and indecorous terms everything in the country. But they are morbidly sensitive of the opinions of strangers, and cannot endure any impression that is not entirely favourable. Without experience you cannot conceive how touchy and huffy they are in this respect, and how strongly they resent any passing word that is not expressive of envious admiration of them and all their ways and customs. And yet these same people are captiously critical of us.

BY what process of reasoning do we justify the custom of calling "self-made" him alone who rises to eminence from poverty? The fact, of course, is that any man is self-made who is ever made at all. Wealth and social position may supply the opportunity of greatness, but they never made a man great. It is a question whether wealth and distinction are not distinctly unfavourable to any form of greatness with which a man may have the good fortune to be endowed by Nature. There is something wholesome and bracing in poverty. No great race has ever been produced in an enervating tropical climate; the manly virtues flourish in rapidly increasing ratio as we journey away from the equator. The youth who is born with a golden spoon in his mouth, and is lapped in luxury from his cradle onward, has not half the chance to make a man of himself. If he turns out a tolerably decent fellow, and does a man's work in the world, he has great reason to congratulate himself; while if he proves to be a man of genius, and makes all mankind his debtors, something very like a miracle has been wrought.

WHENEVER a question of art comes into a law court either in England or in France, it is felt the tribunal is scarcely quite an ideal one. Here is the way they manage in Germany. One eminent writer accused another even more eminent—in fact, Professor Mother of Munich—of plagiarising one of his treatises. They did not go to law, but very wisely submitted the point to the Philosophical Faculty of Breslau. It gave its decision, and the matter apparently was at an end. But both professors were officers in the German army, and the War Office had accordingly something to say on the subject. It seems to have acted almost as inconceivably as any law court. It deprived the belligerent professors of their rank as officers, and gave its reason for the decision. They should have submitted the dispute to a military court of honour.

THE Nonconformist preacher, Dr. Berry, was lately travelling in the States. At a recent congress of ministers in Chicago he made a bull which caused immense merriment. He declared that Mr. Price Hughes and himself had made speeches all over England together and without surrendering any of their convictions, "for you know," he added with pride, "we had none to surrender." No wonder the meeting was convulsed with laughter. Dr. Berry's explanation came too late to save the situation. What he meant, of course, as he told his audience when he could make himself heard again, was that he had no convictions which were open to surrender.

THE SEA'S SIEGE OF EAST ANGLIA.

AFTER witnessing the dire and widespread destruction wrought upon our Eastern Coast by the recent storm and high tide, it would be easy for a writer on the subject of the sea's siege of East Anglia to indulge in alarmist theories. The danger that threatens the low lying lands of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, and more especially those of Norfolk, is not a new one, though a comparatively long immunity from serious sea breaches had resulted in that danger being looked upon with somewhat apathetic indifference. From that state of mind the dwellers along the East Coast have had a rude awakening, and they now realise that many of them hold their lands and homesteads by very frail tenure. For years they have relied upon the long line of sandhills that stretches along the shore to protect them from the besieging of the sea, and except at times of unusually wild weather it has proved an effective safeguard. All the while, however, there have been, in many places, continual, though almost unheeded, encroachments, and these have weakened the sandhill barriers, so that when the recent westerly gale forced the Atlantic waters to swell the North Sea tides many of the fishing hamlets of East Anglia were the scenes of disaster and devastation. Men who had grown accustomed to seeing the waves beating against the seaward slope of the sandhills, saw them instead breaking on the landward side, and flooding many hundred acres of lowlands. Fishermen's cottages, coastguard stations, and farm buildings were wrecked; boats and yawls that had been the means of saving many lives and much property were smashed to pieces or swept away. While the beachmen were out in the lifeboats, saving the crews of stricken vessels, their homes were destroyed before the eyes of their helpless families, and their fishing boats battered into matchwood. It was, indeed, a rude awakening. Still the early years of the latter half of the present century the fears of the fen folk of Norfolk, Lincolnshire, and Cambridgeshire were for the sea-walls in the neighbourhood of Lynn, where they were the safeguards of many miles of lowland. Before that time these had been, at intervals, varying from a few years to half a century, disastrous encroachments of the sea, often resulting in sad loss of life. To-day, however, it is not so much for the low districts of Norfolk, Lincolnshire, and Cambridgeshire that fear is as for the unguarded lands lying inland of the coastline villages of Horsey, Waxham, Paling and Hasborough, and, further south, of Southwold and Dunwich. The last-mentioned of these hamlets contains many records of devasting inundations. In the chronicles of John of Oxnead we find it recorded that in December 1467, the sea "burst through its accustomed limits, occupying towns, fields, and other places adjacent to the coast, and farmers are wondering whether another high tide will come and ruin them utterly before anything effective is done to protect them from the sea."—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

OUTRAGE BY A POLICEMAN.

LATELY when a German was badly beaten by a policeman, he went to the police to obtain reparation. A case has occurred (says the correspondent of the "Daily Mail") in the fashionable streets, where the people have grown accustomed to do as they thought possible. A lady allowed her dog to go out by himself to go out, but requested her husband to go with him. Before they had gone a quarter past that hour, in her dress, slippers, and without a hat, she was pursued by a policeman, who caught her and locked out. She found her in front of the company of a man, who, when the lady implored the police to let her in, refused it, but would take her with him. The lady asked a policeman, who chanced to be passing, to assist her, but he refused. "Well, you are a nice policeman, to leave me there for!" The policeman very gruffly ordered the lady to go into the house. She objected, and at once seized hold of her, upon which she was arrested. The horrified lady in vain protested, pointing to her deshabille, and declared it was impossible to be dragged out to the police station on a cold winter night and so thinly clad. The policeman, however, insisted, and the lady asked to be allowed to look into the house, as she had left the door of her flat open. All her entreaties, however, were in vain. When she tried without permission to look the door, the policeman rushed at her, seized her by the wrist, and dragged her into the street. He then grabbed at her arm, and shoved her on before him. An empty cab came along, and the policeman begged him to allow her at least to get in and be spared the disgrace of wandering to the station accompanied by the usual mob. She jumped into the cab, but the policeman tore her out with such force that her gown was torn, and her arms were black and blue. She was obliged to walk. When she was got to the police station, her husband rushed in, but he was told to get out. With the words, "He off, or you will be arrested," and demands the immediate attention of those responsible for the repair of the dykes on which the only protection that the low-lying portions of East Norfolk have from the inrush of the sea. The extent to which the recent storms have raised the level of the marshes to Beccles, Norwich, Horstead, and North Walsham. It is stated on the authority of a civil engineer of high repute that if a sufficient number of hands were employed to open the Horsey gap, the entire levels of the valleys of the Bure and Yare would be relieved, those of either tributaries, might be inundated in 24 hours for the purpose of defence against the attack of an invading fleet. The lands in question, also, are of historical interest, for while as the preservation of that delightful holiday resort the Norfolk Broadland. Inhabitants of Yarmouth have been informed, for a part of their ancient [illegible] borough is on a level with the adjacent marshland, and if the sea once succeeds in reclaiming the latter it will have a far inland effect upon the town of Yarmouth. Since the great sea encroachments of 1895, when an Act was passed dealing with sea [illegible] commissioners, in a letter to the local papers, suggests that the outfall of the Great Yarmouth and Haseborough, submerging many thousands of acres of marsh, upon which great part of the wealth of the county depends." Late in the eighteenth century many sea breaches occurred between Waxham and Winterton, and exceptionally high tides flooded the lowlands with salt water as far inland as Norwich. Where such serious breaches have just been made, several similar breaches are recorded to have occurred in the summer of 1810, the largest being a two hundred yards wide. Further south, on the Suffolk coast, Dunwich, the mid-time capital of East Anglia, Easton, Covehithe, and other villages have been either wholly or partly destroyed by the inroads of the sea. The recent storm and high tide made two breaches at Horsey, where the sea swept in upon the marshes and warrens. Hundreds of rabbits were drowned in the burrows, while many [illegible] were drowned when the waves washed away their homes. Stacks had to be "roped down" and weighted with pieces of timber to prevent their being carried away by the inrush of the sea. The wooden walls of beach huts and watchhouses were rent apart and swept far out to sea. Along the Waxham coast the storm had blown itself out, one of the pumping mills cleared nearly 200,000 tons of water off the marshes in 30 hours. Cattle, the beachmen lost practically everything. While they were out in the lifeboat their salvage yawls and shrimping boats were damaged beyond repair. The Salthouse marshes, the wholly subsidised of the village itself suffered severly. Other hamlets on the North Norfolk coast have a like tale to tell; homes and [illegible] have been swept away, and are threatened by the sea. Near Aldeborough, on the Suffolk coast, the hamlet of Shingdden was completely wrecked. An engineer, in [illegible] danger, surveying the morning after the storm, said—"Thousands upon thousands of tons of shingle are driven in over the roads, house the houses of the village, while the river was thrown down, and the marshes deep in water." As a natural consequence of this widespread devastation the fresh crops of [illegible] along the Suffolk shore and below, or on a level with, the normal tideflow are seldom [illegible] what is to be done to maintain the sea defences of the [illegible] coast, such high tides as that which accompanied the recent storms are exceptional, but steps must be taken to safeguard the lowlands against these wind and tide [illegible]. The danger of a repetition of such scenes as are described [illegible] is, says an authority on the subject, "a real one, and demands the immediate attention of those responsible for the repair of the dykes on which the only protection that the low-lying portions of East Norfolk have from the inrush of the sea. The extent to which the recent storms have raised the level of the marshes to Beccles, Norwich, Horstead, and North Walsham. It is stated on the authority of a civil engineer of high repute that if a sufficient number of hands were employed to open the Horsey gap, the entire levels of the valleys of the Bure and Yare would be relieved, those of either tributaries, might be inundated in 24 hours for the purpose of defence against the attack of an invading fleet. The lands in question, also, are of historical interest, for while as the preservation of that delightful holiday resort the Norfolk Broadland. 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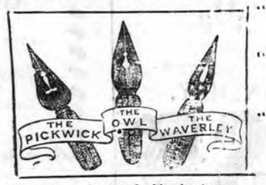

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